

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
April 8, 2013

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehané, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2013 Council Meeting, the March 25, 2013 Council Meeting and the April 1, 2013 Committee Meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Legislative and Finance

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the March 2013 Income Tax report. Mr. Lehané seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2013-11 INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES CAFÉ MORARATORIM**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Hall. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Tassell commended Council on taking action on the Internet Café's, as they have been linked to organized crime.

Safety

Mr. Lehané presented the March 2013 Fire Department Report. The March 2013 Police Department report will be ready next week.

Public Works

Mr. Berens reported the 2012 recycling campaign increased Deer Park's recycling rate, but it is still one of the lowest in Hamilton County. Deer Park's rate for 2012 is 8.91%. Some communities are close to 30%. The free recycling totes will begin to be delivered to residences the week of April 22. We are hoping this will help increase the recycling rates even further, as Deer Park is striving to increase our recycling participation.

Park Board Report – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

Notable Communications – Mr. Berens reported that a resident included a letter with their tax payment regarding the poor road condition of Redmont Avenue. Mr. Berens reported he has a meeting scheduled with our engineer to discuss the problem.

Law Director – None.

Auditor – None.

Safety-Service Director – None.

Mayor's Report

Anyone who would like to attend the HCML meeting on April 27th at 8:00 a.m. should RSVP to Mayor Collins.

Executive Session

At 7:19 p.m., Mr. Lehane motioned to retire to executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues, including Mr. Helmes, Mr. Comer, Mayor Collins, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Berens and Mrs. George. Mrs. Hedger seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

At 7:43 p.m., Mr. Hall motioned to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the bargaining agreement with the service employees and administrative employees. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Lehane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council